

Voting in the House

[The Clerk](#) is essential to the operation of the House of Representatives and plays a large role on the floor during the voting process. Elected every two years when the House organizes for a new Congress, the Clerk's office will:

- prepare the roll of Members-elect.
- call the Members-elect to order at the commencement of each Congress; to call the roll of Members-elect, and, pending the election of the Speaker, to preserve order and decorum; and to decide all questions of order.
- prepare and distribute at the beginning of every session a list of reports required to be made to Congress.
- note all questions of order, and decisions thereon, and to print these as an appendix to the Journal of each session of the House.
- prepare and print the House Journal after each session of Congress, and to distribute the Journal to Members and to the executive and the legislature of each State.
- attest and affix the seal of the House to all writs, warrants, and subpoenas and formal documents issued by the House.
- certify the passage by the House of all bills and joint resolutions.
- receive messages from the President and the Senate when the House is not in session.
- prepare and deliver messages to the Senate and otherwise as requested by the House.
- retain, in the official library, a permanent set of the books and documents generated by the House.
- manage the office and supervise the staff of any deceased, resigned, or expelled Member until a successor is elected.

In particular, the Clerk's office maintains all votes taken by each Member for any motion/or legislation that is officially voted on by the full House. These are called "roll call votes."

Can I see what votes Rep. Honda has cast?

There are several methods you can use to see Rep. Honda's voting history. In addition to visiting the [Clerk's Roll Call website](#) , you can also visit the [Washington Post's Votes Database](#) . You can find detailed information on the Clerk's website about each vote by following these instructions:

1. Visit the [Clerk's Roll Call Vote webpage](#) . The far left column labeled "Roll" will give you the number of the roll call vote. Moving to the column on the right, you see the date the vote was cast. The "Question" tells you if the vote was on final passage, on an amendment, or as otherwise noted.
2. Click on the appropriate "Roll" number on the same row as the title/description that you are interested in. If it is an older vote that you are interested in (must be in the same year), move to the bottom of the screen and you will encounter a similar image as seen on the left. Simply click on a previous set of roll call votes.
3. After clicking on the appropriate roll, you will be taken to this page. Scroll down to see how Congressman Honda voted on the measure.

Looking up votes from previous years.

Visit the [Clerk's Legislative Activities](#) webpage and select a different session of Congress in the drop down menu or click on the link entitled "Roll Call Votes of Previous Congresses."